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HOLIDAY RECEPTION FOR FAMILIES OF CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, the Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces a holiday reception for the families of deployed and recently returned Soldiers and Airmen of the Connecticut National Guard at Maneeley's Banquet and Catering Facility, South Windsor, Sunday, December 18, 2005, from 9 a.m. – noon.

The families and children will receive a free breakfast compliments of Bruce Maneeley, a holiday story will be read to the children and Santa will visit and hand out toys.

“The holiday reception is intended to honor the families for their sacrifices and recognize our soldiers who deployed and recently returned and for those families whose soldiers are scheduled to deploy after the year,” said Martin. “I want thank Mr. Bruce Maneeley for his support in donating his facility again for the third year.”

During the reception, families will be recognized for their sacrifices during military deployments. Families will be provided a festive meal and children will participate in holiday activities.

Martin would also like to recognize the contributions from businesses and citizens who made Operation E.L.F an overall success again this year.

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This year Operation E.L.F received more than 7,000 phone card minutes, \$2,500 in gift cards and \$16,000 for the Connecticut National Guard Foundation to help provide financial assistance to families, and thousands of dollars worth of toys.

The Connecticut National Guard has 60 soldiers and airmen deployed in Iraq with another 500 soldiers from the 102nd Infantry Battalion of New Haven scheduled to mobilize and deploy after the New Year.

For more information about Operation E.L.F. call (860) 524-4908 or visit

www.operationelf.com.

Directions

From Route 2:

Rte 2W to I 84W to 91N. On 91N take exit 35 to Rte 291. Take exit 4 (South Windsor exit Rte5). At the end of the ramp bear left. Go left onto Rte 5 (John Fitch Blvd). Go to the 7th traffic light and take right onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte194). Bear left at the fork in road (Rye St) right before the Exxon Gas Station; Maneeley's is on your left.

From Waterbury:

I 84E to I 91N. Take exit 35 to Rte 291 (Manchester exit). Take exit 4 (South Windsor exit Rte 5). At the end of the ramp bear left. Go left onto Rte 5 (John Fitch Blvd). Go to the 7th traffic light and take right onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte 194). Bear left at the fork in road (Rye St) right before the Exxon Gas Station; Maneeley's is on your left.

From Rocky Hill:

I 91N to exit 35 to Rte 291 (Manchester exit). Take exit 4 (South Windsor exit Rte5). At the end of the ramp bear left. Go left onto Rte 5 (John Fitch Blvd). Go to the 7th traffic light and take right onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte194). Bear left at the fork in road (Rye St) right before the Exxon Gas Station; Maneeley's is on your left.